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ANNUAL REPORT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1959



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VITAL STATISTICS

Area in acres.....	45,166	No. of occupied houses.	3101
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1959		No. of houses owned by	
.....	£80,022	the Council.....	608
Sum represented by a penny rate		Population (mid 1959)..	9820
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	£318. 3. 0.		

BIRTHS

Live births: Legitimate	
Male.....	56
Female.....	71
Total.....	127
Illegitimate	
Male.....	3
Female.....	8
Total.....	11
Total live births	
Male.....	59
Female.....	79
Total.....	138
Stillbirths:	
Male.....	1
Female.....	0
Total.....	1
Birth rate per 1,000 estimated	
population.....	12.9

DEATHS

Deaths: All causes	
Male.....	57
Female.....	39
Total.....	96
Deaths from puerperal	
causes.....	NIL
Deaths of infants under 1	
year of age:	
Male.....	3
Female.....	2
Total.....	5
Deaths of infants under 4	
weeks of age:	
Male.....	2
Female.....	2
Total.....	4
Death rate per 1,000	
estimated population..	9.7

Causes of Death.

Registrar General's Classification.	1959.		
	Male.	Female.	Total
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1	-	1
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	1	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	-	-	-
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
14. Malignant neoplasm, lymphatic and other	7	2	9
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	1	1
17. Vascular lesions of the nervous system	9	7	16
18. Coronary disease, angina	7	4	11
19. Hypertension with heart disease	3	2	5
20. Other heart disease	10	7	17
21. Other circulatory disease	2	2	4
22. Influenza	3	3	6
23. Pneumonia	-	1	1
24. Bronchitis	3	2	5
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system	-	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	-	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1	2
29. Hyperplasia of the prostate	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	1	-	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	3	7
33. Motor vehicle accidents	1	1	2
34. All other accidents	2	-	2
35. Suicide	-	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
Total deaths, all causes	57	39	96

CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

IMMUNISATION

During 1959 ninety nine children under the age of five years received their primary immunisation against diphtheria. Forty six older children received further injections to maintain their immunity.

Satisfactory progress continued to be made with poliomyelitis vaccination of young children.

BCG vaccination of children of school leaving age was continued. 23 boys and 26 girls accepted it.

TUBERCULOSIS

There was one death recorded as due to this disease.

Three new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified.

The cases known to be living within the district at the close of the year are as follows:-

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	16	22	38
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	6	4	10
Totals	22	26	48

OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

The following cases of infectious disease were notified:-

Measles	19
Whooping cough	19
Acute Pneumonia	1
Scarlet Fever	2

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS

In one case it was necessary to apply to the Court for an Order to remove an aged man to hospital. The man had been visited regularly by me over a period of twenty months and not until it was evident that removal to hospital had become essential was formal action taken.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

For the following information I am indebted to Mr. R. W. Turner, Chief Public Health Inspector, whose work during the year under review it represents.

WATER SUPPLY

Main water supplies from the Leicester Corporation, Market Harborough U.D.C., and the Mid Northants Water Board remained consistently good. Restrictions were imposed on consumption during parts of the summer months. Shortages in Stonton Wyville and Medbourne were dealt with by carting water whilst in Hallaton, Slawston and Glooston temporary standpipes were set up.

The only parishes not now served by water mains are Stockerston, Horninghold, Holt, Welham and Stonton Wyville and next year should see the situation largely remedied.

2617 dwelling houses now have an internal supply serving a population of 8286. 153 houses have external standpipes, whilst 498 houses still rely on wells and expose a population of 1276 to some risk.

41 samples of mains water which were taken during the year were in connection with tests on new mains.

86 samples of well water were taken. All but two proved unfit for domestic use.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The District is served by 72 privies, 174 pail closets and 3356 water closets, the latter discharging to some 18 publicly owned sewage works, 11 sewer dykes, one private system and in one case direct into a watercourse. In addition there are some 224 cesspools.

The work on the Thorpe Langton disposal scheme commenced in December, 1959 and the Husbands Bosworth scheme will follow on from this. The Mowsley-Laughton scheme is approved whilst the Brighthurst, Drayton and Great Easton scheme has been the subject of a Ministerial Inquiry.


The control of works by systematic analyses of effluents was continued and 58 samples of effluent were examined from Kibworth, Husbands Bosworth, East Langton, Medbourne, Saddington and Mowsley.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is collected at fortnightly intervals by direct labour and disposed of by crude tipping at Foxton, Husbands Bosworth, Hallaton and Kibworth.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Complaints received during the year ...	160
Premises concerned	... 182
Defects or nuisances discovered	... 311
Total visits of inspection	... 3202



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TOTAL NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE:

	<u>Inspections</u>
Bakehouses	4
Dairies	29
Drainage works	710
Dwelling houses	965
Food premises	29
Rodent control	226
Refuse collection and disposal....	201
Schools	3
Shops	180
Slaughterhouse and meat inspection	237
Tents, vans, sheds etc.	18
Verminous premises....	6
Water supplies	408
Workshops	49
Other inspections	136
Smoke observations....	1

NOTICES SERVED DURING YEAR:

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on Jan. 1st., 1959	5	Nil
Issued during the year	30	25
Complied with during the year	29	25
Statutory action necessary	NIL	NIL
Outstanding on Dec. 31st., 1959	6	NIL

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Treatment of sewers and tips was carried out by a contractor assisted by Council workmen under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors.

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

One case of infestation came to light during 1959. Disinfestation was carried out.

CAMPING SITES.

5 camping sites exist and 4 licences were issued under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, for moveable dwellings.

PET ANIMALS ACT 1951 and
RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT 1951

There are no premises affected by the operation of these Acts.

SHOPS ACT 1950

No defects were found during the year.

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948

Factories concerned in the operation of these Acts	....	....	....	....	67
Other premises	....	....	....	....	25
Inspections made	....	....	....	....	240
Contraventions found..	....	....	....	....	1
Number of outworkers..	....	....	....	....	75

THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

Premises inspected	....	90
Visits made for this purpose....		209
Informal notices served	....	6
Informal notices complied with..		9 +
+including 3 outstanding for 1958.		

ICE CREAM.

33 premises are registered for the sale of ice cream. The pre-packed variety is the only product sold. No sampling was carried out.

MILK: DAIRIES AND DISTRIBUTORS

		<u>Dairies.</u>	<u>Distributors.</u>
Number on Register	.....	2	6
Inspections made	.....	12	17
Contraventions found	.....	NIL	NIL

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (PASTEURISED AND STERILISED MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949 and

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949.

Licences issued:-

<u>Dealers:</u>	Pasteurised	.....	6
	Sterilised	.....	1

Supplementary:

Pasteurised	.....	2
Sterilised	.....	2

MILK SAMPLING

8 samples of milk were taken for examination. In none of these was there evidence of infection by tubercle bacilli. One sample showed evidence of infection with brucella abortus and a Stop Notice was served. 8 follow up samples were taken and the infected cow disposed of.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are four licensed slaughterhouses in the area.

Animals slaughtered during 1959	.....	1801
Animals examined at time of slaughter....		1779
Inspections of meat shops	.....	33
Inspections of places where other foods are kept	.....	29

The results of examinations are shown in the following table:-

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	223	28	5	1425	120
Number inspected	220	28	5	1406	120
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	28	3	-	3	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	12.7	11.0		0.2	
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	1.8	-	-	-	-

H O U S I N G

1. New Houses

Number of applications for council houses at the end of the year	....	180
Applications received during the year		69
Programme of new council houses:		
Erected during the year	....	NIL
Under construction at end of year..		4
Number of houses erected during the year by private enterprise	....	12
Number of houses in course of construction at the end of the year by private enterprise		9
Total number of post-war houses completed by:		
a) Local Authority	....	412
b) Private Enterprise	....	121

2. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year.

a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects	....	140
Number of inspections made for the purpose		350
b) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	8

3. Repairs.

Houses rendered fit after informal action	13
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4. Housing Act, 1957.

	<u>No. of houses.</u>	<u>Persons displaced.</u>
Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking	4	5
Houses demolished	7	12

5. Housing Act, 1949.

Applications for improvement grants are accepted and dealt with on merit.

21 applications were received in 1959. All of these were approved.

6. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

Eleven applications for standard grants were received. One property was so improved during the year.

